

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Praise for Improvement In Members' Contributions

Dear Children of the Club:  
There is to be nothing but praise for you this week, for contributions have been unusually fine in quality and quantity. I am especially pleased with the interesting and well-written letters received this week. Letter writing is a most important art. We cannot all be artists or authors, but every one must, of necessity, write many letters in his life, and to know how to do that one thing well is a great accomplishment. Some of the most charming writings of that great lover of children, Robert Louis Stevenson, are his letters, and there are others who are known and loved for their letters alone.

I want to congratulate you also on the spirit of good will and friendship that seems to exist between members. One member writes that she feels that her correspondents are her friends, even though she has never seen them. Katherine Harvey, of Richmond, wishes to join the exchange, and asks especially for cards from the Chadwick children, as Hampton was formerly her home.

The editor thanks Cecil Workman for a pretty picture of Niagara Falls, done in oils. We are also to welcome several new members whose work gives promise of excellent results. Again, congratulations from YOUR EDITOR.

**THE WEEK'S PRIZE WINNERS.**  
Miss Essie T. Cox, 2517 East Grace Street, Richmond, Va., for drawing of "Witch and Geese." Miss Lucy A. G. Taylor, 721 Virginia Avenue, Marion Heights, Richmond, Va., for drawing of "The T. D. C. C." Master Frank Miller, 5 Summit Street, Jefferson, N. Y., for three excellent drawings.

**THE WEEK'S CONTRIBUTORS.**  
Boyd, Harry Justice, B. W. Jr.  
Bowles, James Kent, Edna W.  
Bowles, Ralph C. Lewis, Gay B.  
Carter, Myra Mears, Jewel W.  
Carter, Mattie Miller, Frank  
Dance, Charles O'Neal, P.  
Delbridge, J. E. O'Neal, Reba L.  
Garrison, Emma A. Pond, Esther  
Gayle, Bertha Powell, Junius B.  
Gayle, Alice Rose, Edith B.  
Geedy, Vernon Rudd, Rachel  
Hutzler, Harold Staples, Willie A.  
Howerton, Roscoe Shroyer, Sam H.  
Hancock, Azlie Taylor, Lucy  
Harney, K. Tettleton, C. A.  
Ingram, D. C. Wilkinson, Rita  
Justice, Mabel Wilkins, Margaret  
Workman, Cecil.

The attention of club members is called to the necessity of their letters being addressed to the "Editor of the Children's Page." Letters sent addressed to the "Editor of The Times-Dispatch" from girls and boys cause much confusion and needless work. Sign letters and stories with name and address in full, and write on one side of the paper only.

**CLUB RULES.**  
1. It is necessary to apply by letter to the editor for a membership badge. Afterwards, to be a member in good standing, it is necessary to be a regular and interested worker along some line preferred—that is, in the writing of stories, puzzles or letters, or in drawing.

2. It is necessary to write in ink and on one side of the paper only; to write neatly and distinctly, with attention to punctuation and spelling. All original composition will receive preference over selected articles.

3. It is especially necessary to sign everything sent—in letters merely, but everything—with the full name and address of the sender.

4. Only those drawings done with a pen, in black ink on white paper, will be accepted, as others cannot be reproduced.

Prizes and awards, weekly and monthly given monthly for the best contributions during the week and month. Stories must be limited in length to 150 words. Look to these limits if you desire to see them in print. Letters should not be over 100 words, and as much under as possible.

### THE T. D. C. C.

Though the day dawns dull and dreary, I am never, never weary,  
For the T. D. C. C. is cheery  
When it comes.

On the page I always find things to heighten up the mind,  
For the T. D. C. C. is best in its line.

A kind word to one and all,  
That the page may never fall,  
But increase each number new,  
T. D. C. C. good luck to you.

Composed by EDITH B. ROSE,  
Fredericksburg, Va.

### A T. D. C. C. YELL.

Rah! Rah! Rah!  
Who are we?  
Can't you see  
We are members  
Of the T. D. C. C.

MASTER HARRY BOYD,  
2113 Warwick Ave., Newport News, Va.

**THE ADVENTURES OF AN APPLE.**

The first thing that I can remember in my life is that I was shaken from a tree, gathered up and put in a barrel with a great many other apples. We were then put in a wagon and hauled to a rail road depot, where we were placed in an empty box car.

I soon went to sleep and was awakened by the car being struck by the engine that was going to carry us away, which shook us about in the barrel. We stayed shut up in the car all the time that we were going to our destination. When we arrived there, the barrel that I was in was taken out and put in a cart along with some boxes.

We were hauled to a small country store, where we were taken out, wiped with a cloth and some of us, among them, placed in a basket. A card was placed on this basket which had some marks on it like "one cent each."

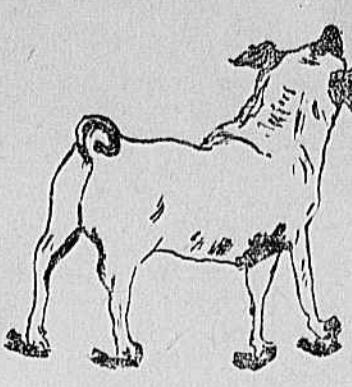
A few were sold, and some of us stayed in the basket so long that large black spots came in our cheeks, either with the largest spots were each morning thrown away, and a black monster, called a "hog," devoured them.

After staying in the basket a long time a boy bought me, and carried me with him to school. After finishing his dinner at noon, he pulled me out of his pocket, and ate me up, which was the end of my adventure.

JUNIUS B. POWELL,  
Roxobel, N. C.



WILLIE E. CHADWICK.



ESSIE T. COX.



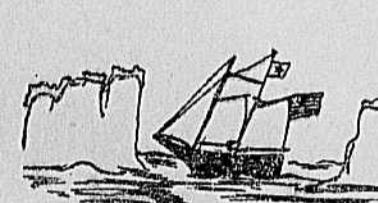
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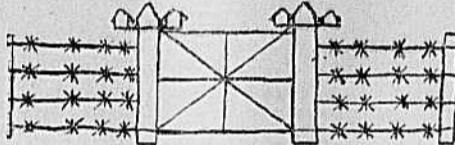
VERNON GEDDY.



HARRY CHADWICK.



ALICE GAYLE.



CHARLES OLD DANCE.



KATHERINE M. HARNEY.



AZLIE HANCOCK.



CATHERINE LOTTON.



ESSIE T. COX.



PRIZE.



EDNA W. KENT.



FRANK MILLER.



MARGARET B. WILKINS.



MABEL JUSTICE.



KATHERINE M. HARNEY.



JAMES BOWLES.



H. BOYD.



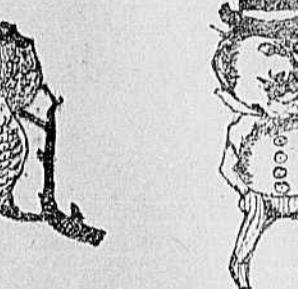
WILLIE STAPLES.



FRANK MILLER.



DOROTHY C. INGRAM.



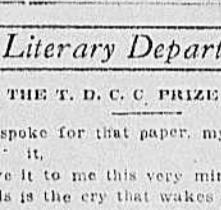
RALPH COKE BOWLES.



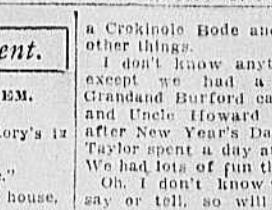
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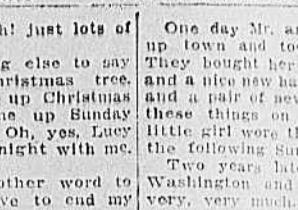
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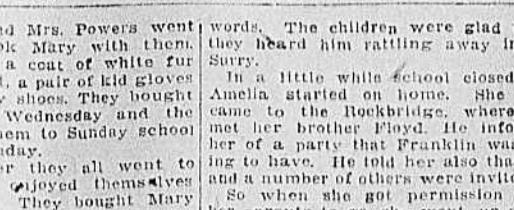
THE T. D. C. C. PRIZE POEM.



OVER IN THE MEADOW.



BERTHA GAYLE.



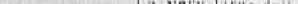
ROScoe HOWERTON.



I spoke for that paper, my story's is it,



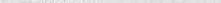
Give it to me this very minute.



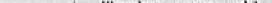
THIS IS THE CRY THAT WAKES THE HOUSE,



WHEN EVERYTHING SHOULD BE STILL AS A MOUSE.



Twelve years old.



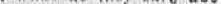
Hanover Courthouse, Va.



OVER IN THE MEADOW.



BERTHA GAYLE.



All the noise is about the T. D. C. C.



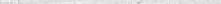
The children want it every one,



But not until each task is done;



CAN THE QUICKEST CHILD THE PAPER SEE?



H. H. HARRAH; for the T. D. C. C.



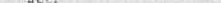
LUCY A. G. TAYLOR.



721 Va. Ave., Marion Heights, Va.



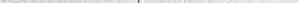
OVER IN THE MEADOW.



A CHARADE.



My first is in salt also in mail,



My second is in make but not in sake,



MY THIRD IS IN WEIGH BUT NOT IN SAY,



My fourth is in eat but not in rat,



My fifth is in ale but not in pie,



My sixth is in rain but not in grain,



MY SEVENTH IS IN CHICK ALSO IN BRICK,



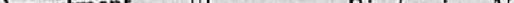
My eighth is in lord also in Dwight,



My whole is in a famous general and the war in which he fought.



(Original)



(To Be Continued.)



A. M. JUSTICE.



Written by



JAMES E. DELBRIDGE.



Warfield, Va., Brunswick county.



MARY.



(Apologies to Nature for the Above.)



The Christmas of 1909 was the dull-



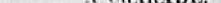
est ever spent in my life.



I did not go off the farm but twice,



and both times went to church. What



I got lots of presents Christmas

